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SUBJ: EXPORT LICENSING PROBLEMS - SOVIET EXHIBITIONS "PHYSICS-75" AND "GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH -75"

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICE WISHES CALL BEWT'S ATTENTION TO EXPORT LICENSING PROBLEMS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING SOVIET EXHIBITIONS "PHYSICS-75" AND "GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH-75,

(NOVEMBER/25-DECEMBER 3 AND NOVEMBER 21-30, RESPECTIVELY). IN BOTH CASES, US PARTICIPATION WILL BE SIGNIFICANT, AND COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS FOR BOTH EXHIBITIONS APPEAR VERY FAVORABLE.

2. ON BASIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE, A
SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF U.S. EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY WILL REQUIRE
VALIDATED EXPORT LICENSES AND, IN SOME CASES, COCOM CLEARANCE.
FUNDS WHICH SOVIETS APPARENTLY HAVE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASES FROM
THESE EXHIBITS ARE IN "END OF YEAR/END OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN"
CATEGORIES, WHICH MEANS THAT LICENSES WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED
PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1975 OR CONTRACTS WILL BE VOID. IN VIEW
MAJOR COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES OF THESE EXHIBITIONS, COMMERCIAL
OFFICE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE
FOR ACCELERATED PROCESSING OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS. WE HAVE
ADVISED MASHPRIBORINTORG, WHICH WILL BE BUYING FTO FOR BOTH
SHOWS, THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO SIGN CONTRACTS AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE AFTER OPENING OF EXHIBITIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW
AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31 FOR PROCESSING
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OF APPLICATIONS. IN ADDITION, WE PLAN TO SUBMIT

INFORMATION IN FC-842 FORMS TELEGRAPHICALLY TO WASHINGTON
AS SOON AS CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED.
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